

Marsha Green

Dr. Marsha Green is a Professor at Albright College and President of the Ocean Mammal Institute. She developed the Psychobiology concentration at Albright College and teaches courses in Animal Behavior, Behavioral Neuroscience, Ecological Psychology and Field Research on the Hawaiian Humpback Whale. She does research on the impact of thrillcraft, boats and engine noise on whales and dolphins in Hawaii and studies humpback whale social vocalizations.

She became interested in the high intensity sonar issue in 1998 when she sent a research team to observe whales during low level sonar testing off the Big Island of Hawaii. In 2000 she organized a symposium on Low Frequency Active Sonar and lectures in the US and Europe on ocean noise and marine life. She serves as scientific advisor to the European Coalition for Silent Oceans (ECSO) and has advised the European Federation of Green Parties on the high intensity active sonar issue.

Since 2002 she has been working with the EU Parliament on the high intensity active sonar issue. She delivered a petition to their Petitions Committee in June 2003 requesting the member states of the European Union to adopt a moratorium on the deployment of low-frequency active sonar until a global assessment of its cumulative environmental impacts can be prepared. The petition was signed by 67 environmental and animal welfare organizations representing 8.3 million members in the US, Canada and Europe.

In October, 2003 she and ECSO organized a delegation of scientists, members of the EU Parliament and environmentalists to deliver petitions to NATO and discuss NATO's potential leadership role in calling for the mitigation of the use of high intensity active sonars. The delegation emphasized the need for a Multinational Task Force to develop international regulations on ocean noise. Petitions and a summary of the NATO meeting are available at www.oceanmammalinst.org.